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## PLANTING INTENTIONS FOR WHEAT UP 38 PERCENT FROM 2010

The March Prospective Plantings Survey, recently completed by the USDA NASS South Carolina Field Office, indicated that SOUTH CAROLINA farmers intend to plant more corn, cotton, soybeans, wheat, and peanuts. Producers also intend to increase the number of acres to be cut for hay, while tobacco acreage intentions are down and oat acres remain unchanged from 2010.

CORN growers currently expect to plant 360,000 acres in 2011. This is up 3 percent (10,000 acres) from the acreage planted in 2010 and up 7 percent from 2009.

COTTON growers currently intend to plant 260,000 acres in 2011. This is up 29 percent (58,000 acres) from 2010, and 126 percent (145,000 acres) above 2009.

TOBACCO acreage for harvest in 2011 is expected to total 14,500 acres. This is down 9 percent (1,500 acres) from 2010, and down 22 percent from 2009.

SOYBEAN acreage planted is expected to total 510,000 acres in 2011 – up 10 percent (45,000 acres) from 2010 but down 14 percent from 2009.

WHEAT acreage planted for the 2011 crop is set at 200,000 acres – up 38 percent (55,000 acres) from 2010 and up 21 percent from 2009.

OATS, including both fall and spring plantings, are expected to total 26,000 acres – unchanged from 2010, but 13 percent below 2009.

PEANUT acreage for 2011 is expected to total 70,000 acres, up 4 percent (3,000 acres) from 2010 and up 40 percent from 2009.

HAY acres for harvest this year is expected to total 390,000 acres, up 8 percent (30,000 acres) from 2010 and up 11 percent from 2009.

## UNITED STATES 2011 PLANTED ACRES AND PERCENT OF 2010 <sup>1/</sup>

Soybeans	76.6	Mil. Ac.,	99%	Hay, All	59.0	Mil. Ac.,	99%
Corn	92.2	Mil. Ac.,	105%	Peanuts	1.24	Mil. Ac.,	96%
Cotton, Upland	12.6	Mil. Ac.,	115%	Tobacco, F.C.	213	Thou. Ac.	101%
Wheat, Winter	41.2	Mil. Ac.,	110%	Oats, Planted	2.84	Mil. Ac.,	90%

<sup>1/</sup> All Hay and Tobacco acreages for harvest.